Fulton County Justice and Mental Health Recommendations December 11, 2017				STEPPING UP KEY MEASURE
On December 11, 2017, The Fulton County Justice & Mental Health Task Force met to discuss and vote to prioritize the five workgroup recommendations. Below is the full list of workgroup recommendations in order of priority determined by the voting process.				
Cost Factor		Implementation		
Low Cost: $0 - $10,000		Short Term: Under 18 months		
Medium Cost: $10,000 to $100,000		Long Term: Over 18 months		
High Cost: $100,000 above				
RECOMMENDATION	**WORKGROUP**	**COST FACTOR**	**IMPLEMENTATION**	
Implement a validated jail mental health screen for 100% of bookings. Institute a standardized process in the Fulton County Jail for identifying, assessing, and treating mentally ill offenders based on clinically sound best practices and verifiable data.	Re-Entry	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	2,3
Develop and implement a strategy for coordinated information sharing between re-entry providers and community stakeholders to improve case coordination. Establish data-sharing agreements between the Fulton County Jail, the mentally ill offender's behavioral health provider, and/or Atlanta City Detention Center for improved access to services. Explore, create, and implement a network information sharing database and data sharing agreements to be used by all justice and justice serving entities.	Data Re-Entry	MEDIUM TO HIGH COST *TECHNOLOGY FACTOR INVOLVED	SHORT TERM	1,2,3,4
Develop and implement a standardized training plan aimed at training 100% of law enforcement officers using Crisis Intervention Training, trauma-informed responses, and other evidence-based crisis trainings.	Pre-Arrest	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1, 4
Continue and expand funding for jail diversion services (Treatment Diversion Court model) for Magistrate and State Courts.	Court	MEDIUM TO HIGH COST *TECHNOLOGY FACTOR INVOLVED	SHORT TERM	2, 3
Designate Fulton County Jail inmates with SPMI facing homelessness on release as being at "imminent risk" of homelessness so that care navigation can begin before release.	Housing	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	3, 4
Expand capacity of Pretrial Services through the addition of an in-house mental health unit to ensure safe supervision of offenders with a mental health diagnosis.	Court	MEDIUM COST	LONG TERM	2, 3, 4
Integrate mental health professionals into 911 call centers and expand the Grady/GCAL Co-Responder Model.	Pre-Arrest	MEDIUM COST	LONG TERM	1, 4
Increase the availability of supportive housing units with a Housing First model that includes care navigation services.	Housing	MEDIUM COST	LONG TERM	4
Establish a revolving fund for housing providers to cover bridge funding for "startup" expenses.	Housing	MEDIUM COST	LONG TERM	2
Establish a drop-off program site(s) with services that include critical care, referrals, & case management to give law enforcement options to divert individuals with SPMI from jail.	Pre-Arrest	HIGH COST	LONG TERM	1, 4
Develop and Implement a Fulton County Education and Community Outreach plan to interupt the cycle of contacting police for a mental health crisis	Pre-Arrest	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1
Review current bail practices to ensure bail is set based on risk, not inability to pay or mental health issues.	Court	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	2
Redirect Fulton County resources (housing, support services, etc.) to increase the success of the participants in the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative Pilot and expand the program capacity.	Pre-Arrest	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1, 4
Explore *Police & Mental Health Collaborative Learning Sites* that could be replicated in Atlanta through free technical assistance from the Council of State Governments.	Pre-Arrest	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1
Formally adopt the "Forensic Evaluation Quality Assurance Pilot Project" and enhance by hiring a Forensic Expeditor to coordinate forensic cases in all classes of court.	Court	MEDIUM COST	SHORT TERM	2
Establish a specialized Forensic Docket for streamlined case coordination and ensure compliance with state requirements.	Court	LOW COST	LONG TERM	2,3
Implement a data-driven, validated, pretrial risk assessment tool to inform pretrial release decisions.	Court	MEDIUM cOST	SHORT TERM	2

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Coordinate re-entry services to track and monitor the validated jail mental health screen and re-entry assessment tools along with discharge planning.	Re-Entry	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	2, 3, 4
Create policies and procedures to ensure that inmates receive at least a 14-day supply of prescribed mental health medication upon release.	Re-Entry	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	3, 4
Increase access to criminal expungement.	Housing	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	4
Connect re-entry services at the Fulton County Public Defender's Office with Fulton County Jail staff to increase the discharge planning capacity at the jail.	Housing	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	2, 3
Change zoning laws in the City of Atlanta and other Fulton County municipalities that interfere with establishing new units of permanently-supportive housing.	Housing	LOW COST	LONG TERM	3, 4
Expand the scope of services that transitional housing providers offer.	Housing	LOW COST	LONG TERM	3, 4
Establish a standing mechanism for the reporting of jail and housing data for decision makers.	Housing	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1,2,3,4
Develop a working data team to continually and proactively gather and review data to measure and track the goals of the Stepping Up Initiative.	Data	LOW COST	SHORT TERM	1,2,3,4